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THREE CENTS

## Edith T. Randolph

Mrs. Edith Tomkins Randolph, wife of Herbert F. Randolph, Jr., of Westfield, New Jersey, passed in death at the Muhlenburg Hospital in Plainfield, N. J., on Thursday morning, January 30th, after a short illness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Randolph are summer residents of this town, spending much time at the homes of their parents here. Mrs. Randolph was the daughter of Mrs. David B. Tomkins of Winchester Road and the late Rev. Dr. Tomkins, former pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N. J. She was born in Port Golden, N. J., and was a graduate of Wellesley College and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City. She is survived by her husband, her mother and by two daughters, Betty Joan and Doris Jean.

Mrs. Randolph was a member of the Westfield Presbyterian Church and the College Women's Club and was deeply interested in all educational and religious effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have resided in Westfield since 1934 where he is principal of the Grant and Woodrow Wilson schools. His mother is Mrs. Herbert F. Randolph of Main Street of this town.

Funeral services were in the Presbyterian Church of Westfield of which she was a member on Saturday afternoon, February 1st, attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Elizabeth, N. J.

## Our Nurse Reports

Miss Natalie Gowen, public health nurse, has made the following summary of her work for the past month: Total visits, 103; chronic cases, 36; acute cases, 15; home deliveries, one; post-natal visits, eight; infant health supervision, 26; adult health supervision, five; school health supervision, nine; tuberculosis cases, two; social service, one; transportation, 17.

## Public Take Notice

Attention is called to the fact that all contagious diseases must be reported immediately to the Board of Health. Chicken pox is at present becoming prevalent in Northfield and is such a disease. Cases should be reported promptly.

ERNEST A. PARKER,  
Chairman Board of Health.

## Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton desire to express their appreciation to the many friends for the beautiful flowers, fruits, letters and cards which have been received during the illness suffered by Mr. Colton as the result of a fall, and who is now rapidly recovering. Special thanks are due Harmony Lodge of Masons, the Grange and other organizations. Again we say "Thank you all."

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and former neighbors, members of the Haven Spencer Post of the American Legion and all others who were so kind and sympathetic in the loss of our loved one.

MRS. ROY C. WOODARD  
CONSTANCE J. WOODARD  
RUTH E. WOODARD  
PHILIP R. WOODARD  
CHARLES F. WOODARD.

## Roy C. Woodard Dies

Roy Carroll Woodard, a native and former resident of this town, died Sunday, February 2, at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., suddenly from a heart attack. He was born December 22, 1896, the son of Francis H. and Susan (Newton) Woodard.

On Aug. 4, 1920, he married Ruth E. Buckley of Springfield and they made their home here until their removal to Bridgeport where he became employed by the Bridgeport Brass Co.

Mr. Woodard was a member of the local Congregational Church and a former member of Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion.

He is survived by his widow and three children, Constance, Elizabeth, and Philip, all of Bridgeport; also two brothers, Charles F. and Wells W. Woodard of this town; an aunt, Mrs. Anna Woodard of South Vernon, Vt.; and cousins in Springfield, Newport, N. H., and Hartford, Vt.

Funeral services were held at Kidders funeral parlors Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating and burial was in the Tyler Cemetery at South Vernon.

## At Northfield Schools

Dr. Adelaide Case, professor of religious education at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the faculty of Northfield School for Girls on Thursday, January 30. Dr. Case is an expert on religious education for children, having published four books on this subject and devoted 22 years to this work at Columbia University.

An exhibit on New England Authors, furnished by Life Magazine, was recently shown at Talcott Library and will be followed by Life's exhibit on Palestine.

A concert by the music groups of the Northfield Schools was held in Silverthorne Hall Saturday evening, February 1. The combined orchestra was under the direction of Milton J. Arenson and the glee clubs and quartet were directed by Albert R. Raymond.

Guest preachers in the chapels at Mount Hermon and Northfield on Sunday, February 9th, were the Reverend William G. Cole of Columbia University, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 and the Reverend Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., in Sage Chapel at 11.

## "Thank A Million"

Quietly and without ostentation the effort to secure sufficient funds for the expansion and building program of Deerfield Academy was concluded at a dinner and meeting in New York recently of the trustees and alumni when Henry Flynt, chairman of the trustees announced that \$1,076,000 had been secured. The response is regarded as extraordinary and reflects most favorably the high esteem in which its leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Boyden are held by all. There has also been subscribed in addition in a special fund the sum of \$52,407 by the alumni to provide a building for non-athletic activities to serve as a memorial to the 61 graduates of the Academy who gave their lives in the war.

At the recent business meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary the sum of \$5 was voted to the "March of Dimes."

## Scouts Collect Paper

Nearly five tons of old paper were collected in the town on Saturday, February 1, by the local troop of the Boy Scouts. The trucks were loaned to the Scouts by Paul Thompson, Michael Furcola, George Carr, and Julius Blassberg. Robert Johnson, Harold Briesmaster, James Goodwin, and Aiden French helped as truck drivers and supervisors. The following Scouts and Cubs participated: Joe Bilmon, Johnny Jurkowski, Roger Lopez, Peter Haack, Billy Potter, Edward Parsons, Jerry Brown, Sidney Chapin, Skippy Hurlburt, Punky Hurlburt, Irving Severance, David Kirk, Dean Lanphear, Dickie Rikert, and Jimmy Livingston.

The success of this drive was due to the increasing cooperation of householders in having paper tied and bundled so that it was easily handled by the boys. In many cases the bundles were put on the front porches. This made collection easier and quicker.

The next drive and collection will be March 15.

## Pomona Meets Here

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange met in the Grange Hall here on Wednesday, the 12th. There was a large attendance with supper served to all. Lawrence Ferris Master welcomed the delegates, and a short business session followed. There followed an entertaining program with members of the local Grange taking part.

## Church Fund Grows

The building fund of the local Congregational Church has recently been increased by gifts in the amount of three thousand dollars and now totals \$22,000. The five-year campaign began last July first to secure \$100,000 in the period toward the erection of a new church edifice. George McEwan, general chairman, and his campaign executive committee at a recent meeting expressed themselves as satisfied with the progress made and optimistic over its success. Recent gifts have been secured from special solicitation. Mrs. George W. Carr is in charge of special events and Rev. Joseph W. Reeves and E. S. Frary are co-chairmen of the building plans committee.

## Edson-Foley

Alden F. Edson, son of Mrs. Gladys Edson of the Plains Road and Miss Lucy Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Foley of Greenfield were married Saturday, January 25, by Rev. James W. Casey in a double ring ceremony at the rectory of Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield. The couple were attended by the bride's sister, Miss Mary Foley and by the groom's brother, Arnold Edson. A reception at the bride's home followed the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Greenfield High School and the groom is a graduate of Northfield High School. He served four years in the Army, two of which was in overseas service. Upon their return from a wedding trip they will make their home in Northfield.

## Good Cooks Coming

A Chefs club has been organized at the Northfield High School as a self-supporting proposition and the following are the officers: Fred Luciw, president; Manuel Mello, vice-president; Edward Fortier, secretary; Ralph Mankowsky, treasurer. There are twenty members, divided into four groups, each with its chef, who are Joe Bilmon, Bruce Heald, Albert Clough and Gordon Leavis. At their meeting on the 29th ult, the boys began to make their aprons and had a demonstration of the use of the electric stove and the wood stove by Mrs. Findlay, the supervisor. Their first lesson in the art of cooking was on February 5 when they made baking powder biscuits and those privileged to enjoy them said they were fine. Soon the boys will make lemon meringue pies and the whole school will look on with envy. The club is much interested and this effort sponsored by Mrs. Findlay will be appreciated by many parents.

## Smith College Tea

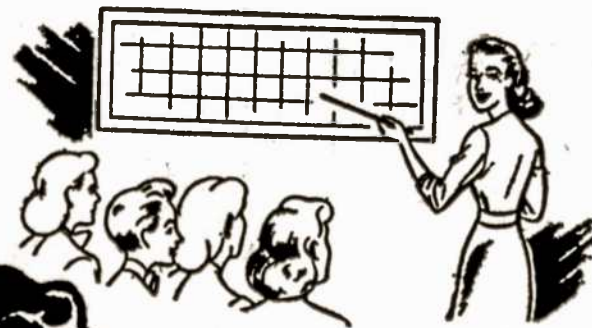
At the home of Miss Mira B. Wilson on the campus of the School for Girls, Monday afternoon, February 10th, there was held a "tea", the proceeds of which were for the benefit of the Smith College fund. The alumnae of Smith College residents in Northfield were co-hostesses and since the invitation to attend was public, there was a large attendance. Attractive art articles were offered for sale and there was a program of parlor music.

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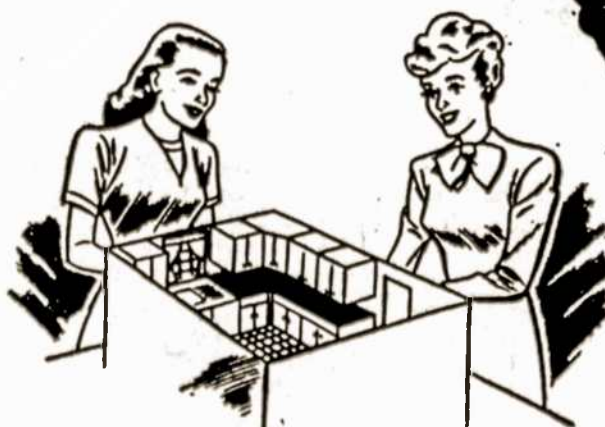
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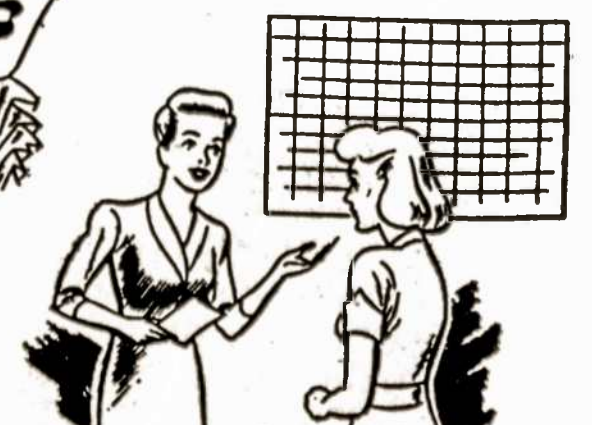
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## The Town Meeting

The annual town meeting held on Monday, February 3, is now a matter of record but the total amount of the appropriations which were voted may cause some reflection later when the tax bills arrive. The meeting was called to order by Moderator William F. Hoehn, the warrant was read by Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell and the invocation was by Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler. The polls for the election of officials were ordered opened and by vote to close at seven o'clock. A total of 373 votes were cast and in the two contests, I. J. Lawrence defeated Marion Billings for school committee by a vote of 204 to 158 and Dean Williams defeated Leslie Martin for tree warden by a vote of 219 to 141.

Officials elected were: Mrs. Josephine Haskell, town clerk; Charles F. Slate, town treasurer and tax collector; George W. Carr, Ernest A. Parker and George H. Sheldon, selectmen; Clifford A. Field, assessor; George McEwan, moderator; Miss Mercy A. Brand, and Joseph W. Field, library trustees; Harry M. Haskell, Joseph W. Morgan, Martin E. Vorce and Murray Hammond, constables. Dr. F. Wilton Dean, planning board member.

In the business session there were 51 articles in the Warrant to be considered and the total of appropriations amounted to \$154,107 of which \$36,860 will be transferred from other funds and \$15,000 taken from surplus revenue. The Article dealing with teachers retroactive pay being found illegal was withdrawn and the Article providing payment for hydrant service of the Northfield Water Co. was refused. Mr. Williams, representing the water company, immediately served notice to the town in writing that

hydrant service in the town had ended. The Selectmen have a problem to solve.

The report of the Survey Committee on a memorial gymnasium addition to the high school was received and the committee discharged, although a new committee was authorized to continue a study. The matter of a new fire station and a town garage were referred to committees to investigate and report.

In the matter of a new cemetery, the committee report was received and the committee discharged, no action taken. It was voted hereafter to elect one selectman for a three-year term instead of one, the arrangement to be made for the next annual election.

The appropriations were as follows: Schools \$58,089, old-age assistance \$28,000, \$3,000 for the town hall, \$5,500 for the drainage system, \$1,555 for kitchen equipment, \$200 for fish, and \$1,000 for sidewalk. It was voted to install eight street lights in the town costing \$21 each.

Other appropriations were: Town treasurer and expense, \$740; bridges, \$1,000; soldiers' relief, \$2,500; Alexander hall account, \$175; inspection of animals, \$150; dog officer, \$50; selectmen salary and expense, \$1,000; road machinery fund, \$2,000; public welfare clerk, \$150; school committee salary, \$150; inspection of meat and slaughtering, \$200.

Public health, \$400; moderator and council, \$250; town report, \$400; bond and damages, \$400; fire department, \$1,700; maintenance of water hose, \$200; department of public welfare, \$5,000; aid to dependent children, \$5,200; town clerk salary and expense, \$440; election costs, \$500; fire and casualty insurance, \$1,200; sealer of weight and measurers, \$125 and \$25 expenses; accountant's salary and expenses, \$740; assessor's salary and

expenses, \$1,325; town hall care, \$3,000; interest account, \$300; town clock and fountain care, \$150; snow removal, \$5,000.

Public safety, \$50; road signs, \$100; Northfield Farms library, \$75; care of shade trees, \$150; street lighting, \$3,000; tools for highway work, \$100; tax collector salary and expense, \$650; Dickinson's Memorial library, \$3,300; gypsy moth control, \$150; salary and expenses of community nurse and substitute, \$2,450; railings, \$300; pay notes due on new school building debt, \$4,500; care of cemetery, \$850 with \$250 to be used at the Northfield Farm cemetery.

Highways under chapter 81, \$19,500 and under chapter 90 construction, \$4,000; oiling road in Center cemetery, \$235; resurfacing driveway around town hall, \$600; to repair sidewalks, \$100; Memorial day, \$175; constables pay, \$300; old age assistance clerk, \$300; to reserve fund, \$2,000; to purchase adding machine for tax collector, \$100; for care of athletic field, \$200 and for repair on abandoned school houses, \$100.

Tellers at the meeting were Mrs. Mildred Addison, Mrs. Robert Abbott and Donald Finch. The moderator named A. Gordon Moody and Ross L. Spencer as members of the Finance Committee for the three-year term.

### Town Topics

A new sugar stamp good for ten pounds will be available April 1st. Stamp No. 53 valid for five pounds must be used by March 31 a month earlier than previously announced.

Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding of the Vernon Home announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther Louise Spaulding, to Walter Lucius Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce of South Vernon. Miss Spaulding is a graduate of the New England School of Theology. Mr. Bruce has served in the Navy Air Corps for the past two years.

Pvt. William Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Compton of Anatolia College, Salonica, Greece, formerly residents of this town, is now attached to Headquarters Company with the famous Blue Devil Division, 350th Infantry Regiment serving on the so-called Morgan line, in duty overseas. Pvt. Compton graduated from Mount Hermon School and has many friends here.

The Women's Alliance and members of the Evening Alliance of the Unitarian Church met Thursday afternoon in the church parlor to listen to Miss Gowen, our town nurse, speak on her problems. Tea was served by the hostess committee, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. J. V. McNeil and Mrs. Bessie George.

Members of the local WCTU will give a Francis Willard tea at the home of Mrs. William Marshall on Highland Ave. Wednesday afternoon, February 19. A silver collection will be taken for the Memorial education fund and all are invited to attend. The time is 3 o'clock.

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Mrs. Bertha D. Leach who has conducted a Gift Shop on Main Street next to the A&P store, has closed the same and on Saturday, February 8, conducted an auction with Joseph W. Field as auctioneer.

Miss Ruby M. Sheldon RN, who has a summer home in the Highlands and has been a resident here for many years, has left Amityville, N. Y., where employed and will be now in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the remainder of the winter.

Postmaster Quinlan informs us that he can arrange to secure cachet postmarks on an envelope from Valentine, Nebraska, and also from Washington's Birthplace, Virginia, in honor of St. Valentine's Day and Washington's birthday if you will confer with him immediately.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, pastor of the Vernon Union Church, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the New York Northfield Club in New York Friday evening, the 7th, observing Founders Day. Rev. Lester White of Mount Hermon conducted the service at his church the following Sunday.

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